

dedicated over forty years of his life serving as a mentor and inspiring youth.

Mr. Bartoszek, a native of Cleveland, was a toolmaker for Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co. until his retirement eighteen years ago. A veteran who proudly served our nation during World War II, with a tour in France and Germany, he was an active member of Catholic War Veterans Post 1812 and VFW Post 108.

Mr. Bartoszek found his true passion when he was thirteen, when he joined the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Bartoszek spent forty years as a Scoutmaster and Explorer adviser. During his long and distinguished career with the Scouts he received many awards, including the Silver Beaver, Scouting's highest honor for volunteers. Mr. Bartoszek spent over ten summers working with youth at Tinnerman Canoe Base as a counselor of the Ad Altare Dei program, Pope Pius XII retreats, and Scout development sessions.

Mr. Bartoszek touched countless lives with his endless devotion to helping young men, and his steadfast commitment to creating a better society. Mr. Bartoszek is a friend to all, a man who tirelessly dedicated his life to the betterment of others, and a man who has served the larger community a greater deed than we will ever be able to thank him enough for.

I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in celebrating the life and tremendous accomplishments of this truly remarkable man.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
JERRY RAYMOND

**HON. DEBBIE STABENOW**  
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 6, 2000*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifetime achievements of Mr. Jerry Raymond who passed away in January 1999 and offer my sincere condolences to his family.

Jerry Raymond was a remarkable man whose many contributions to Wayne county, the labor movement and the City of Livonia will be long remembered. He was a 49 year resident of Livonia and served on the City Council from 1966 to 1980. Always cognizant of the needs of others, his favorite saying was "People come first." He advocated for housing for seniors before it was the popular thing to do. His sensitivity to others is undoubtedly why he was re-elected to office so many times.

There are many other fascinating things that are important to know about this special man. He quit high school after his mother died and his father lost his job. As he moved around the country looking for a job, he started getting involved in strikes and joined the cause of working men and women. He became a union activist and his leadership in the labor movement brought him national recognition. Despite his many achievements, Jerry felt something was missing as he watched other family members pursue a higher education. Although he did not have a high school diploma, he enrolled in law school. He graduated Cum Laude and was honored by being elected President

of his class. He opened a law practice called Jerry Raymond and Associates in Livonia and practiced law until shortly before his death.

Jerry was a special friend, role-model and mentor to many including myself. He was very involved in his community and in democratic politics. He is missed by everyone whose life he touched, but his spirit lives on in our memories and in the legacy he left behind.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH TAKACS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**  
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 6, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I remember Joseph Takacs, a man who devoted his life to the betterment of mankind, and the struggles of those who needed help the most.

Mr. Takacs led the autoworkers at General Motor's Fisher Body plant in Cleveland for more than 10 nonconsecutive years in the 1960's and 1970's. A courageous fighter for the working man, Mr. Takacs was one of 250 workers who staged a sit-in at General Motor's Cleveland plant that lasted from December 1936 into February 1937. Through the dedication and determination of Mr. Takacs and his striking colleagues a nationwide strike began. The strike forced the company to recognize the union as a bargaining agent for its hourly employees, even today, considered one of the greatest union victories.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Takacs was a dedicated man who committed his life to union reform, helping the poor, and fighting for the working men and women of this nation. Mr. Takacs was an inspirational leader and a mentor for generations to come. A champion of the causes of working people, Mr. Takacs never turned his back on anyone. A leader dedicated to his fellow colleagues, during strikes, Mr. Takacs would beg for food to make sure that there was always food at the union hall.

Mr. Takacs, a past president of United Auto Workers Local 45, has served on the front lines of the battle for working families since the 1930's. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this truly remarkable man, who has dedicated his life to serving others.

PASSAGE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAX RELIEF ACT

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**  
OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 6, 2000*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, because the House passed H.R. 4865, the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act, by a vote of 265-159, this Member encourages his colleagues to read the following editorial, from the August 5, 2000, edition of the Norfolk Daily News. This editorial highlights why the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4865. In particular, this editorial correctly states that the taxation of Social Security benefits was not within the original intent of those who created this system.

[From the Daily News, Aug. 5, 2000]

"CONTRACT" NOT NOW MENTIONED

TAX REDUCTION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS WOULD AID ELDERLY PAYERS

A modest tax cut proposal that would benefit some 9 million Social Security recipients is apparently going nowhere because of a threatened presidential veto.

Under the plan, which won a 265-159 vote in the House, with 52 Democrats joining the Republican majority, the amount of benefits subject to taxation could drop from 85 percent to 50 percent. That change would restore a tax level in effect until the 1993 increase urged by President Clinton and for which Vice President Gore cast the deciding vote.

Given current surplus levels, the change is easily affordable from Uncle Sam's standpoint. More than that, however, the change is in keeping with the original philosophy of the program. That is, to provide an old-age benefit to workers from earnings on which taxes had already been paid. It was much later that these benefits became an important new source of tax revenue for the U.S. Treasury.

It is of special interest that the same partisans who now protest a reduction in this tax, since it might help individual elderly people now earning as much as \$34,000 annually or married couples at a \$44,000 level, are the ones who have long berated opponents as "breaking a contract" on Social Security with any proposed alteration of benefits. They were silent when the benefits were effectively reduced with higher taxation.

Taxing those benefits was not the original intent of those who devised the system. Whatever implied contract existed was long ago violated by the decision to lump the benefits with other income and make it subject to regular taxation.

The system long discriminated against Social Security beneficiaries who worked for income rather than acquiring their extra money from interest payments or dividends. The imposition of the greater tax load—argued as necessary in 1993 in order to overcome deficits—did nothing to restore equity.

Much can and must be done to simplify the tax system, including that applicable to the Social Security beneficiaries, but such action must not preclude a simple reduction in rates to reflect the fact that excessive federal surpluses amount to a government taking of private wealth.

HONORING ING. KAROL MITRIK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**  
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, September 6, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Ing. Karol Mitrik, Mayor of Spisska Nova Ves, for his outstanding leadership and dedication to his fellow countrymen.

One of six children Ing. Karol Mitrik was born in Spisska Nova Ves where he was taught an early lesson in the value of work, working sunrise to sunset on a farm. His childhood experience led him to pursue an education in the area of agriculture. He graduated in 1981 with a Master's degree in Agronomy from the Agricultural University in Nitra. In 1994 he finished studies in the City University with Certificate in Effective Management.

In 1994 Mitrik became Mayor of Spisska Nova Ves. A dynamic leader with vast knowledge of regional policies and economic development he has worked tirelessly on the behalf of the people of Spisska Nova Ves. Due to Mitrik's extraordinary leadership Spisska Nova Vas became a sister city of Youngstown. Mitrik also established the first Rotary Club in eastern Slovakia. Mitrik's expertise extends beyond local activities, he is involved in a student exchange program, is a Member of Council of the Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, Chairman of the Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, Vice-president of Mayor's club of Slovakia, and Chairman of Interest Association for Development of the Spis region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in rising and honoring this remarkable man and his tremendous accomplishments on behalf of the people of Spisska Nova Vas.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings on the Firestone tire recall.  
SR-253

Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings on proposed United States Department of Transportation regulations on planning and environment.  
SD-406

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings on pending calendar business.  
SD-419

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on the status of the Biological Opinions of the Na-

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tional Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operations of the Federal hydropower system of the Columbia River.

SD-366

##### SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine marketing violence to children issues.  
SR-253

Environment and Public Works  
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the Draft Biological Opinions by the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Federal Caucus draft Basinwide Salm-

on Recovery Strategy.  
SD-406

2 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings on pending calendar business.  
SD-419

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.  
SH-219

2:15 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 2873, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 3676, to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California; S. 2784, entitled "Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000"; S. 2865, to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness; S. 2956, to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness; H.R. 4275, to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness; and S. 2977, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.  
SD-366

##### SEPTEMBER 14

9 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
International Operations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on exchange programs and the national interest.  
SD-419

9:30 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold oversight hearings on the transportation of Alaska North Slope nat-

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ural gas market and to investigate the cost, environmental aspects and energy security implications to Alaska and the rest of the nation for alternative routes and projects.

SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings on air traffic control issues.  
SR-253

10 a.m.  
Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.  
SD-226

1 p.m.  
Small Business  
To hold hearings to examine slotting fees, and the battle family farmers are having to stay on the farm and in the grocery store.  
SD-628

Environment and Public Works  
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the Draft Biological Opinions by the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Federal Caucus draft Basinwide Salm-on Recovery Strategy.  
SD-406

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 2749, to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the setting of the western portion of the United States; S. 2885, to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission; S. 2950, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site in the State of Colorado; S. 2959, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992; and S. 3000, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia.  
SD-366

##### SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.  
345 Cannon Building